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Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a composition consisting essentially of an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinesis extract.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising a therapeutic agent.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising a protein kinase C inhibitor.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the ~~treating of~~ the coptis chinesis extract and the therapeutic agent are administered ~~is performed~~ in a sequential manner.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the subject is treated with coptis chinesis extract first, then a therapeutic agent.

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38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent.

39-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the microtubule-destabilizing agent is a Taxol® compound.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the microtubule-destabilizing agent is a Taxol® compound.

43. (New) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinensis extract and a therapeutic agent.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the cancer is breast cancer.

46. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the composition further comprising a protein kinase C inhibitor.

47. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent.

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48. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the microtubule-destabilizing agent is a Taxol® compound.

49. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the coptis chinesis extract and the therapeutic agent are administered in a sequential manner.

50. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the subject is treated with coptis chinesis extract first, then a therapeutic agent.